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El Cajon – Today, Congressman Duncan Hunter announced plans to tour over a dozen San Diego area businesses representing a wide variety of industries, in order to continue hearing directly from local job creators about the challenges of today's economy. With San Diego's unemployment rate at ten percent and California still losing jobs – 526,000 in total since the stimulus was signed into law – area job creation remains one of Congressman Hunter's foremost priorities.

"When I talk to local business owners, they consistently tell me that there's far too much uncertainty in today's economy and job creation is extremely difficult, if not impossible," said Congressman Hunter. "Without businesses hiring again, the economy will stay right where it is and millions of Americans will continue facing uncertain job prospects with no clear sign of when conditions might actually improve.

"Over the next several weeks, before debate resumes in Washington, I'll be visiting more area businesses to discuss ways to help get San Diegans and other Americans back to work. I always value the opportunity to sit down with local business owners and these visits will keep shaping my perspective on the best course forward.

"It's likely that Congress will consider other stimulus and job creation initiatives in the coming weeks. When it does, I'll be sure once again to bring forward the experiences and suggestions of San Diego area businesses."

Some of the locations Congressman Hunter will be touring include: Advanced ElectroMagnetics; San Diego Composites; Weldmac Manufacturing; The Hartford; Taylor Guitars; Bridgepoint Education; UPS; ITT Technical Institute; BeneChill; K-Tube; University of San Diego; Pardee Homes; Rancho Los Coches RV Park; Argon ST; and Tapestry Solutions.